



ODCP Legislative Update

The 84th General Assembly

The ODCP Legislative Update is a weekly recap of legislative action relating to drug control and criminal justice issues, the aim of which is to keep you informed of new legislation and any progress it makes toward becoming law.

Please feel free to forward this information to others who may be interested.

INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

[HF 2163](#) An act relating to a person who **operates a motor vehicle** while **under the influence of prescription drugs**. The bill duplicates language in Code section 321J.2, relating to the prescription drug defense currently available for a person who is criminally charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a drug where there is no evidence of alcohol, and makes this defense applicable to civil administrative license revocations as well as criminal offenses under Code chapter 321J. Introduced 1/31/12 by R. Olson and referred to Transportation. Assigned to subcommittee Garrett, Pearson and Wolfe.

HOUSE UPDATE

[HF 183](#) An act relating to the **control of marijuana**, including an effective date provision and providing a penalty. [2/1/12, passed subcommittee. 2/2/12, passed committee 16-5. To the House. Since \[HSB 552\]\(#\) is the same as HF 183, it will not move forward.](#)

[HF 396](#) An act relating to **underage possession or consumption of alcohol** and providing penalties. [Passed subcommittee. 2/2/12, discussed in committee and deferred for additional editing.](#)

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

[SSB 3104](#) An Act granting **authority to temporarily designate a substance a controlled substance and classifying certain substances as schedule I controlled substances**, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions. The bill specifies that if any new substance has not been designated a controlled substance under federal law and the board of pharmacy finds that the substance poses an imminent hazard to public safety, the board may designate the substance a controlled substance. If a substance is designated as controlled by the board pursuant to the bill, the control shall be temporary and if within 60 days after the next regular session of the general assembly convenes the substance has not been classified as a controlled substance, the temporary controlled substance designation by the board is nullified. The bill adds numerous synthetic cannabinoids to the list of schedule I controlled substances in Code section 124.204(4)(ai). The bill adds numerous substances containing any quantity of any synthetic cathinone that are not approved pharmaceuticals to the list of schedule I controlled substances in Code section 124.204(6). Introduced 1/30/12 and referred to Judiciary. Assigned to subcommittee Dvorsky, Ward and Fraise. A proposed ODCP bill.

SENATE UPDATE

No updates to report.

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